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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS, AND METHOD OF PREPARING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTED AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS

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Responsive to the Official Action of October 21, 2003, in the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

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